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ANNUAL REPORT

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THE SELECTMEN

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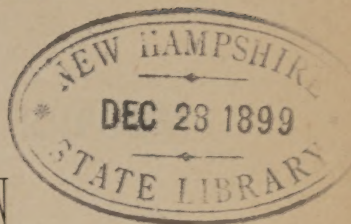
TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF—

GRAFTON, N. H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.



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1884.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash Received.

In Treasurer's hands, March 1st, 1883,	\$556 74
Received from County Treasurer, County pauper bills,	248 56
State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	906 34
“ “ R. R. Tax,	228 47
“ “ Literary Fund,	112 71
“ “ Bounty Bills,	75 50
Henry O. Rollins, Collector,	3130 00
Total Received,	<u>\$5258 32</u>

Cash Paid Out.

Paid County Treasurer, County tax,	\$1333 33
The several school districts,	895 57
State Treasurer, state tax,	864 00
Selectmen,	1516 80
	<u>\$4609 70</u>
Leaving in Treasurer's hands Feb 26, 1884,	\$648 62

JOHN E. MARTIN, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Cash Received by the Selectmen.

Received of Josiah Lord for hay from the David Buffum farm,	\$8 80
Use of hearse going out of town,	2 00
J. B. Powers for the David Buffum plow,	5 00
of Town Treasurer,	1516 80
Total received by the Selectmen,	<u>\$1532 60</u>

Disbursements by the Selectmen.

County Bills.

Paid W. O. Sleeper for cutting and fitting wood for Joseph Sleeper,	\$14 00
Milo Hutchinson for liquor for Eliza Sleeper,	25
Miss Hannah L. Walker for finding material and making robe for Eliza Sleeper,	2 00
Mrs. Hiram Barney for making cap for Eliza Sleeper,	1 00
Milo Hutchinson for keeping tramp,	1 00
Darius Martin for coffin for Eliza Sleeper,	14 00
Rev. Lorenzo Bailey for preaching Eliza Sleeper's funeral sermon,	2 00
Dr. E. A. Isbell professional services rendered Joseph Sleeper,	1 25
J. E. Martin for goods furnished G. W. Potter,	3 50
Dr. E. A. Isbell services rendered Eliza Sleeper,	3 00
Elmer G. Smith for making box for Eliza Sleeper,	75
Emeline Sleeper for boarding and nursing Eliza Sleeper,	<u>\$18 00</u>

Eben E. Fisk for digging grave for Eliza Sleeper,	2 00
E. F. Folsom for goods furnished Levi Ray,	11 00
Dr. E. A. Isbell medical services rendered G. W. Potter,	1 50
Dr. E. A. Isbell professional services rendered Mrs. William Gray,	5 00
Dr. E. A. Isbell professional services rendered E. C. Kirk,	20 00
Dr. E. A. Isbell professional services rendered Simon Tuttle,	7 50
Almer Davis for meat for Joseph Sleeper,	2 20
Henry Ford for delivering one barrel of flour to Joseph Sleeper,	25
F. T. Currier for goods delivered to Nelson Fountain,	75
J. E. Martin for goods delivered to Joseph Sleeper,	18 05
H. W. Truell for boarding and nursing Nelson Fountain,	20 00
A. M. Bucklin for boarding Levi Ray's child,	4 50
J. E. Martin for goods delivered to G. W. Potter,	12 34
H. W. Truell for boarding Nelson Fountain,	5 00
A. J. Rollins for lodging two tramps,	1 00
Almer Davis for pork for Joseph Sleeper,	1 85
A. F. Hoyt for car fare and expenses taking David Buffum and Potter and wife to County farm,	20 00
Mrs. A. M. Hoyt for keeping one tramp,	50
Dr. E. A. Isbell for professional services rendered Joseph Sleeper,	2 00
A. F. Hoyt for cutting and drawing wood for G. W. Potter,	3 00
One pair of wool stockings for Mrs. Potter,	75
For women's aid preparing the Potter family for the County farm,	1 25
J. E. Martin for goods delivered to G. W. Potter,	11 19
J. E. Martin for goods delivered to Joseph Sleeper,	6 37

E. F. Folsom for goods delivered to Levi Ray,	2 82
A. J. Rollins for lodging tramp,	75
Mrs. A. B. Hoyt for professional services rendered to Joseph Sleeper by Dr. A. B. Hoyt in 1881,	3 00
	\$225 32

Town Pauper Bills.

Paid John W. Braley for fixing David Buffum's boots,	\$ 50
M. S. Woodman for medicine for S. Burleigh,	6 65
Dr. D. B. Drake professional services rendered Sylvester Burleigh,	15 00
G. W. Berry for boarding Sylvester Burleigh,	10 00
A. D. Gibbs for provisions furnished Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	4 23
W. A. Walker for wood furnished Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	6 50
Dr. E. A. Isbell for professional services rendered David Buffum,	3 00
E. R. Moody for boarding Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	7 50
Dr. E. A. Isbell for professional services rendered W. P. Messer,	\$30 00
Mrs. Sherwell for washing for David Buffum,	75
E. R. Moody for boarding Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	7 50
J. B. Powers for boarding David Buffum,	27 00
F. T. Currier for goods delivered to Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	75
E. R. Moody for boarding Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	7 50
Darius Martin for coffin and robe for W. P. Messer,	16 50
E. R. Moody for boarding Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	7 50
H. W. Eaton for boarding David Buffum,	12 75
F. T. Currier for goods delivered to Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	3 86
Mrs. Hattie F. Hall for support of Mrs Sophia Hall,	61 13
Clothing,	2 00
E. R. Moody for boarding Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	7 50
H. C. Rollins digging grave for W. P. Messer and making box,	2 50

Dr. F. P. Fisher for medical attendance rendered to Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	6 50
Dr. F. P. Fisher for medical attendance rendered Sophia Hall,	10 75
E. R. Moody for making clothes and clothing for Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	1 75
E. R. Moody for boarding Mrs. Aaron Prescott,	4 25
Rev. J. A. Knowles for services at funeral of W. P. Messer,	2 00
H. W. Eaton for boarding David Buffum and making pants,	25 10
Dr. E. A. Isbell medical services rendered Mrs. W. P. Messer,	13 50
Dr. E. A. Isbell medical services rendered Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Messer,	60 00
J. E. Martin for goods for David Buffum,	3 44
J. E. Martin for two barrels flour furnished Mrs. W. P. Messer,	13 25
J. B. Powers for boarding David Buffum,	32 16
A. F. Hoyt for liquor furnished W. P. Messer.	50
E. F. Folsom goods furnished David Buffum,	14 45
“ “ “ Mr. Aaron Prescott,	8 08
Mrs. A. B. Hoyt for professional services rendered to W. P. Messer by Dr. A. B. Hoyt in 1881,	1 50
	\$437 85

Highways and Bridges.

Paid N. E. Lund, for labor on highway and for stringers and plank,	\$7 45
S. R. Truell, bridge plank,	5 74
J. W. Tinkham, putting in stone bridge in Dist. No. 1,	8 00
Neriah Riddle, labor on Riddle road,	2 70
E. E. Fisk, labor in Dist. No. 3,	1 25
G. F. Garland, labor “	1 25
Perry Martin, “ “	1 32
William Severance, labor in Dist. No. 3,	2 62
Sylvester Brock, labor in Dist. No. 14,	4 00
Jesse Pierce, “ “	2 00

A. D. Gibbs, labor in Dist. No. 3,	2 57
Charles Barney, " " "	1 35
S. R. Truell, bridge plank and stringers in Dist. No. 9,	14 11
Charles Barney, labor on bridge in Dist. No. 9,	4 00
C. M. Cole, cutting bushes in Dist. No. 26,	1 00
G. M. Flanders, labor on bridge and stringers in Dist. No. 24,	5 80
H. W. Truell, bridge plank in Dist. No. 19,	1 98
C. A. Kimball, labor on highway in Dist. No. 3,	6 24
J. P. Bullock, labor on highway in Dist. No. 12,	16 45
Gustavus Tenney, labor on highway in Dist. No. 3,	1 85
B. F. Andrew, bridge stringers in Dist. No. 12,	5 51
H. C. Johnson, labor on highway in Dist. No. 12,	10 80
H. C. Johnson, railing on road in Dist. No. 3,	2 00
Charles Morrill, bridge plank in Dist. No. 18,	2 20
Harry Hale, bridge plank in Dist. No. 21,	10 88
W. A. Walker, bridge plank in Dist. No. 1,	7 68
C. A. Kimball, bridge plank in Dist. No. 3,	21 93
F. R. Smith, bridge plank,	36 00
F. R. Smith, building stone bridge in Dist. No. 8,	15 00
" " bridge stringers,	2 00
" " railing in Dist. No. 20,	5 00
John R. Smith, bridge stringers and brace for bridge in Dist. No. 25,	5 00
Joel Blackman, bridge plank and stringers in Dist. No. 18,	3 28
I. B. Bullock, breaking roads in 1883,	5 45
N. E. Lund, " " "	10 00
C. M. Cole, " " "	4 00
H. W. Eaton, " " "	4 37
E. A. Gray, " " "	6 72
Daniel Follansbee, breaking roads in 1882-3,	6 00
H. W. Hardy, breaking roads in 1883,	4 86
Gilbert Waldron, " " "	45
J. B. Tuttle, " " "	4 32
C. G. Bucklin, " " "	6 86
Austin Morse, " " 1882-3,	8 00
Neriah Riddle, breaking roads in 1883,	15 00
W. G. Huntley, " "	8 38

H. G. Kemp, breaking roads in 1883,	4 04
S. D. Lund, " " "	20 00
A. M. Bucklin, " " "	11 84
G. H. Kinne, " " "	25 26
Sylvester Brock, " " "	15 42
H. D. Stevens, " " "	6 27
H. C. Kendall, " " "	13 35
Jesse Barney, " " "	4 00
Sylvester Brock, " " "	5 67
Benj. Williams, " " "	4 81
D. E. Buckley, " " "	2 52
H. M. Hackett, " " "	10 20
R. W. Heath, breaking roads in 1883 and 1884,	7 75
Wyman Underhill, " " "	4 32
F. H. Clifford, " " "	2 60
Jesse Pierce, " 1884,	10 10
John W. Tinkham, labor on highway in Dist. No. 1,	3 30
	\$454 82

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid C. O. Barney, printing town reports,	\$15 00
G. W. Davis, one sheep killed by dogs in 1882,	3 00
Dr. E. M. Tucker, recording birth and death,	50
Shirley and Stone, advice in relation to the vote of the town in regard to exempting manufacturing companies from taxation,	2 00
Dr. E. A. Isbell, recording births and deaths,	4 75
D. B. Smith, damage on wagon in 1882,	2 00
Milo Hutchinson, use of room in making taxes,	2 00
S. R. Swett, recording David Buffum deed,	75
W. A. Gray, work done on hearse house,	1 40
G. H. Cole, car fare and expenses to Plymouth May term to settle county bills,	7 00
Almer Davis, pine boards for hearse house,	1 05
H. D. Stevens, work and lumber on hearse house,	11 79
E. M. Hoyt, washing hearse,	50
Byron Fellows, " "	50
E. A. Gibbs, " "	50

J. F. Bryant, affidavits,	50
C. O. Barney, printing and binding appointment record,	2 25
L. T. Barney, watering tub for 1883,	2 00
D. N. Chandler “	2 50
A. M. Bucklin, “	2 00
Horace Barney, “	3 00
J. B. Bullock, “	3 00
Stephen George, affidavits,	20
J. B. Page, “	2 00
Dr. E. M. Tucker, recording births and deaths,	75
J. E. Martin, nails and lumber for hearse house,	4 17
J. E. Martin, Surveyors' and Collector's books,	14 41
Horace Barney, services appraising David Buffum real estate,	1 00
John R. Smith, services appraising David Buffum real estate,	1 00
A. J. Robinson, services appraising David Buffum real estate,	1 00
A. F. Hoyt, car fare and expenses to Concord to get R. R. tax, saving's bank tax, literary fund and bounty money,	2 00
A. F. Hoyt, stationery and postage,	1 50
George H. Cole, “	1 00
Almer Davis, car fare to Andover to see Shirley on liquor case,	1 00
A. F. Hoyt, car fare and expenses to Plymouth Nov. term, to settle county bills,	7 00
A. S. Frazier, school notices,	75
H. O. Rollins, collector's blanks,	1 00
E. G. Smith, recording burial permit,	90
E. C. Eastman, for blanks,	15
Jesse Pierce, school house tax in Dist. No. 2,	13 49
Bounty on 214 crows,	21 40
Bounty on 9 woodchucks,	90
	\$143 61

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid E. G. Smith, services as Town Clerk,	\$10 00
G. H. Cole, Selectman,	65 00

A. F. Hoyt, Selectman,	60 00
Almer Davis, “	50 00
A. S. Frazier, S. S. Committee,	35 00
H. O. Rollins, Collector 1882 and part 1883,	35 00
J. E. Martin, Treasurer,	15 00
J. B. Page, Auditor 1883,	1 00
	\$271 00

Total received by the Selectmen,	\$1532 60
Total paid out by the Selectmen,	1532 60

Outstanding Claims Against the Town.

Due the school districts, 1-3 R. R. tax,	\$76 16
Due the school districts, literary fund,	112 71
Estimate outstanding claims,	50 00
	\$238 87

Available Means of the Town.

Due on Collector's bond for 1882,	\$24 48
Due on Collector's bond for 1883,	149 83
Due from the County,	60 48
Due from State, bounty on woodchucks in 1883,	90
Due from John Trumball, rent on the Aaron Prescott place,	5 00
In Town Treasurer's hands,	648 62
The David Buffum farm,	250 00
Hay on David Buffum farm,	8 00
Total available means,	\$1147 31
Amount of outstanding claims,	238 87
Balance in favor of the town,	\$908 44

GEORGE H. COLE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
AUGTSUUS F. HOYT,	
ALMER DAVIS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Grafton.</i>

I find the books correct, and all accounts property vouched for.
JOSEPH B. PAGE, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submits the following report of the schools of Grafton :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term taught by Miss Hattie M. Gove. Eleven pupils, length of term seven weeks. Under Miss Gove's instruction the school made rapid improvement. The order was excellent. Eight of the eleven pupils were present every half day of the term.

Winter term taught by Miss Mary E. Gifford. Twelve pupils, length of term eight weeks. Miss Gifford met with her usual good success. A great deal was learned, and learned well. The order was good. Five of the twelve pupils were present every half day of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Only one term in this district, and that taught by Miss Minnie T. Cram. Eleven pupils, length of term eleven weeks. Fair improvement was made. Order good. None of the eleven pupils were present every half day of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term taught by Miss Ida M. Keniston. Thirteen pupils. Length of term eight weeks. This was Miss K.'s first experience. She seemed to lack the confidence necessary to maintain a successful school. But little improvement was made. Some excuse for Miss K. is found in the fact that being a resident of another State, our rules and methods of teaching were new and strange to her. Only one of the thirteen pupils was present every half day of the term.

Winter term taught by Miss Mina F. Bullock. Sixteen pupils. Length of term twelve weeks. This school developed a proficiency in mathematics quite unusual, and good progress was made in all the

branches taught. Good order prevailed. I consider Miss B. one of our best teachers. Five of the sixteen pupils were present every half day of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term was commenced by Miss Bertha M. Flanders, and finished by Miss Sadie E. Flanders, the former teacher being unable to continue the school on account of ill health. The change of teacher did not as in some cases stop the advancement of the school. Good order prevailed, and rapid improvement was made through the entire term. Fifteen pupils. Length of term seven weeks. Five of the fifteen pupils were present every half day of the term.

Winter term taught by Miss Laura F. Parker. Fifteen pupils. Length of term eleven weeks. Miss P. is a thorough scholar, but failed in discipline, without which no teacher can be successful. Some improvement was made. None of the pupils were present every half day of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term taught by Miss Laura F. Parker. Seventeen pupils. Length of term ten weeks. Some improvement was made during the term, but a lack of order marred the success. None of the pupils were present every half day of the term.

Winter term taught by Mr. H. S. Clay. Twenty-four pupils. Length of term fifteen weeks. I think Mr. Clay did wonders, considering the irregular attendance. A majority of his pupils attended about every other day. Notwithstanding, quite a good improvement was made. The order was good. None of the pupils attended every half day of the term without being tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term taught by Mr. A. S. Frazier. Fourteen pupils, length of term eight weeks. But few of the pupils take any interest in this school; their greatest interest seemed to be in looking forward to the close of each day and the end of the term. The attendance was very irregular, the blank in the register being filled with marks of tardiness, dismissal and non-attendance so full as almost to give one the idea on first looking, that there was no attendance whatever. Three did not attend days enough to be counted as scholars; one pupil was tardy twenty-five times in an attendance of seven weeks, and one was dismissed twelve times in an attendance of five weeks, by request of parents (as the pupil stated.) Of course under these circumstances,

but very little improvement was made. There was *one* pupil, I am happy to state, attended every half day of the term, a girl seven years old.

Fall term by the same teacher. Sixteen pupils. Length of term eight weeks. Here again the register looks very badly, but the attendance was better than in the summer term. I succeeded in getting quite an interest started in Grammar, and quite an improvement was made in that branch, but most of the pupils are backward in Arithmetic and Spelling. I changed the method of learning and reciting the spelling lessons, and *did* succeed in making a very little improvement in *that* branch. None of the pupils were present every half day of the term.

Winter term taught by the same teacher. Eighteen pupils, length of term eight weeks. There was two weeks vacation between the fall and winter terms, but the pupils got tired, so the parents expressed it, and the school being somewhat broken up by sickness in the teacher's family, but little improvement was made. None of the pupils present every half day of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term taught by Miss Emma A. Walker. Thirty-one pupils, length of term seven weeks. This was our best term of school during the year. The pupils were all small, and great improvement was made. The order was good. I think Miss W. one of our best teachers. Six of the thirty-one pupils were present every half day of the term.

Winter term commenced by Mr. W. E. Shaw, who taught four weeks. The next week was taught by W. Smith, and then the term was finished by Miss S. E. Sulloway. Entire length of term nine weeks, with thirty-three pupils. The changing of teachers seemed to somewhat disturb the advancement of the school. Good order was maintained by Mr. Shaw and Miss Sulloway. I did not visit the school during the week taught by Mr. Smith. Owing to a mistake in the register, caused by the change of teachers, I am unable to state whether the pupils attended every half day or not.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer term taught by Miss Alice M. Currier. Twenty pupils. Length of term six weeks. A fair advancement was made. I noticed a class in arithmetic made a great improvement. Good order. Four of the twenty pupils were present every half day of the term.

Winter term taught by Miss Lillian M. Follansbee. Twenty pu-

pils, length of term seven weeks. The school is rather backward. Some improvement was made. The pupils were very quiet and orderly. Four of the twenty pupils were present every half day of the term.

DISTRICTS NO. 11 & 12.

These two districts united and had one term each, by the same teacher, Mr. Geo. H. Pettengill, who met with his usual success. Good order. A great deal was learned. Length of term in Dist. No. 12, seven weeks, fourteen pupils. Length of term in Dist. No. 11, nine weeks, seven pupils. Only one pupil present every half day of both terms.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Both Summer and Winter term by the same teacher, Miss Cora I. Sargent. Length of summer term eight weeks. Thirty-three pupils. Only one pupil present every half day of the term. Length of winter term ten weeks. Thirty-two pupils. Only two pupils present every half day of the term. Steady improvement and good order during both terms.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of pupils who have been present every half day of the school year, without being tardy :

Jennie Russell.
John E. Smith.
Josie Prescott.
Frank A. Tinkham.
Lizzie M. Smith.
Cora B. Martin.
Fred Lund.

Anna G. Tinkham.
Cleora B. Sulloway.
Kittie B. Watson.
Sewell Bucklin.
Frank Sleeper.
Fred G. Sulloway.

Names of pupils who have been present every half day of one term :

Carrie Smith.
Ernest A. Martin.
Arthur L. Martin.
Georgie Flanders.
Ella Briton,

Blanche A. Tenney.
Della M. Martin.
Mattie J. Bullock.
Nellie Tinkham.
Lilla Tinkham.

Arthur Tinkham.
 Bessie A. Rollins.
 Arthur H. Rollins.
 Leon O. Robinson.
 Walter B. Sulloway.
 Albert H. Dudley.
 Mabel Paul.
 Fred C. Davis.
 Eddie Paul.
 George G. Stanley.
 Rose N. Kirk.
 Bell N. Valia.

Grace O. Smith.
 Albert A. Morrill.
 Weston C. Rollins.
 George H. Chandler.
 Helen M. Reed.
 Albert Valia.
 Etta Stanley.
 George C. Hale.
 Eddie Pecoy.
 Ida N. Dudley.
 Bell A. Sargent.

There may have been others, as the registers are defective in records. The most advanced scholars that have attended the past year, are Laura E. Bucklin, Florence Felch and Warren Smith. The two first named I consider well qualified to teach any of the public schools of this town. Mr. Smith surpasses the others in mathematics, but is not so far advanced in other studies, but I think is qualified to teach. The most advanced scholar according to age, is Carrie Smith.

ARTHUR S. FRAZIER, *S. S. Committee.*

Grafton, Feb. 19, 1884.